



Washington State Health Care Authority
Prescription Drug Program

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Dear Interested Party:

Following recommendations by the Washington State Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, the Department of Social and Health Services - Medical Assistance Administration (DSHS-MAA), the Health Care Authority - Uniform Medical Plan (UMP), and the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) the following drugs have been named as preferred in their respective therapeutic classes on the Washington State Preferred Drug List:

Proton Pump Inhibitors

omeprazole tablets (Prilosec OTC ®)
lansoprazole all forms (Prevacid ®)

Statins

atorvastatin (Lipitor ®)
lovastatin **
pravastatin (Pravachol ®)

Estrogens

estradiol (Menest ®)
Estradiol tablets
conjugated equine estrogen vaginal
cream (Premarin Cream®)

** generic products only unless otherwise stated

Each agency will use the common PDL according to its benefit structure.

All agencies will implement the statin class on January 1, 2005 and will implement the proton pump inhibitor class on April 1, 2005. DSHS-MAA will implement the estrogen class in December 2004; UMP will implement the estrogen class on April 1, 2005.

If you have other questions or comments regarding this announcement, please contact Erika Clayton at (206) 521-2027 or by email at pdp@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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